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Attorney Docket No. **GEMVAL P15AUS** of Prior Application First Named Inventor Roger MASSEY Examiner Name Austin Bonderer 3754 Group Art Unit Express Mail Label No. EL918841703US

This is a request for a Continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),					
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 585,222					
filed on_June 1, 2000_, entitled_BAR-STOCK_BALL_VALVE					
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FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).					
C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).					
EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.					
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Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.  Z X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.					
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).  a. DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:					

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 4 and add new claim 6 as follows:



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